***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2024***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Office. Present were:

 Darrick Zerr, Mayor

 Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner

 Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner

 Janet Bainter, City Clerk

 Justin Armknecht, City Superintendent

 Paul Wisinger, Chief of Police

 Harry Joe Pratt, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Darrick Zerr at 6:00 p.m. Guests present were Dawn Elliott, Danielle Schiltz and Dusty Spresser with the City of Selden, and Jordan Riley.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the October 14, 2024, regular meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Schoendaler and a second by Commissioner Erwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Danielle Schiltz and Dusty Spresser with the City of Selden entered the meeting to discuss a shared employee with the City of Hoxie. Schiltz and Spresser explained that they would need someone one or two days a week to do minimal maintenance, read meters, and possibly help on the trash truck if needed. They would not need to use any of the City of Hoxie’s equipment. They would reimburse the City of Hoxie for the employee’s wages and mileage for the time they spent working in Selden. The Commission agreed to look into it and check into any insurance issues and discuss it further at the December meeting. Schiltz and Spresser exited at 6:12 p.m.

**Public comment**

Jordan Riley asked about publishing the agendas and minutes on the City/County website. Bainter will make sure to get the website updated.

**Farm Lease agreement**

Discussion was held on the renewal of the farm lease. It will be put up for bid and will be advertised in the Sheridan Sentinel for 2 weeks. Pratt will look into the Lease agreement and get the ad published.

**Holiday Bonuses**

Erwin made a motion to pay a net amount of $150.00 to employees and Commissioners as a holiday bonus. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. It was also decided that the City would have a Christmas party for all City employees and the Sheriff’s office on a date to be determined.

**Water Rates**

Mayor Zerr made a motion, seconded by Erwin, to increase water rates. The minimum charge for the first 2,000 gallons consumed will increase from $11.80 to $13.00 per month. For each 1,000 gallons above 2,000 gallons consumed, the charge will increase from $1.90 per 1,000 gallons to $2.10 per 1,000 gallons until 60,000 gallons are consumed and for each 1,000 gallons thereafter, the charge will increase from $2.64 to $2.90 per 1,000 gallons. These rates shall take effect on February 1, 2025. Motion carried 3-0. Harry Joe Pratt will draw up the appropriate Ordinance.

Chief Wisinger entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**City Superintendent Business**

Armknecht discussed a request by Kyle William to put in curb and guttering on 14th St. between Valley and Walnut. William said he would supply the concrete if the city would do the work. Armknecht suggested a culvert instead. He will price a culvert and talk to William. Armknecht asked to purchase a transit for curb and guttering for approximately $900.00 and take it out of the curb & guttering budget. He was asked to hold off on purchasing the transit. Armknecht also discussed building some shoring. He will get pricing on sheet metal.

**Tornado sirens**

Discussion was held on getting funding for new tornado sirens from the Hansen Foundation and what the city match would be. Armknecht suggested that he attend the next County Commission meeting to see if the County would help pay for them. He will follow up at the December meeting.

**Chief of Police Business**

Chief Wisinger informed the Commission that he was still trying to get ahold of Purple Wave about selling the 2020 Dodge Ram pickup. He also informed the Commission that he would need to take the new pickup back to Wichita to get the spotlights put on.

**Warrants**

The warrants and overtime for the month of October were reviewed, approved, and signed by the Commissioners.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Mayor Zerr made a motion to adjourn. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Janet Bainter, Darrick Zerr, Mayor

City Clerk

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner